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SUBJECT: CSCE: MARCH 29 WORKING GROUP MEETING ON HUMAN CONTACTS

SUMMARY. IN RELATIVELY BRIEF MEETING, WORKING GROUP LAUNCHED DISCUSSION OF BASKET III. FINLAND, DENMARK, AND CANADA ACKNOWLEDGED THE NEED TO CONSIDER DIFFERENT SOCIAL SYSTEMS AND TO AVOID INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS IN FORMULATING A COMMON POSITION. USSR TABLED DRAFT INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH FOR COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS. END SUMMARY

1. FINLAND WELCOMED DANISH STATEMENT IN MARCH 28 PLENARY CALLING FOR CONSTRUCTIVE AND REALISTIC APPROACH TO BASKET III ISSUES TAKING INTO ACCOUNT LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF ALL PARTICIPANTS. PRAGMATIC APPROACH OFFERED THE BEST HOPE OF AVOIDING CONTROVERSY. THE COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE SHOULD REFLECT THESE CONSIDERATIONS.

2. IN ENDORSING FINNISH APPROACH IN CAREFULLY NUANCED STATEMENTS, DENMARK AND CANADA ADOPTED MODERATE TONE
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AND SOUGHT TO CONVEY TO EAST BLOC A NOTE OF WESTERN REASONABLENESS IN THE SEARCH FOR COMMON GROUND. DENMARK REITERATED ITS RESOLVE TO STUDY ALL PROPOSALS CAREFULLY AND HINTED AT WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER ADJUSTMENTS IN TEXTS. CANADA EMPHASIZED THAT DANISH PROPOSAL TAKES ACCOUNT OF CONCERNS OF STATES WHO DO NOT WISH TO BE OBLIGED BY CSCE TO TAKE SPECIAL STEPS WHICH THEY OTHERWISE WOULD NOT VOLUNTARILY ACCEPT. NEVERTHELESS, DETENTE WOULD BE INCOMPLETE IF IT DOES NOT INVOLVE PRACTICAL MEASURES TO REDUCE BARRIERS TO MOVEMENT AMONG PEOPLE. ITALY CAUTIONED AGAINST POLARIZATION IN DEBATE.

3. IN CONCILIATORY BUT SUBSTANTIVELY UNYIELDING STATEMENT, SOVIET REP (ZORIN) REPEATED FAMILIAR TENETS OF SOVIET APPROACH AND SUPPORTED POINTS EXPRESSED IN FINNISH STATEMENT. HE THEN REPEATED TWO QUESTIONS CONCERNING DANISH DRAFT MANDATE WHICH SOVIETS HAD POSED EARLIER BUT WHICH HAD NOT YET BEEN ANSWERED: WHAT IS MEANT (1) BY " LONG- TERM PROGRAM"; AND (2) PHRASE " MUTUALLY AGREED PROCEDURES" IN OPENING PARA OF DANISH DRAFT.

4. ZORIN THEN TABLED FOLLOWING LANGUAGE FOR INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH TO COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS: (INFORMAL TRANSLATION)

BEGIN TEXT:

THE COMMITTEE IS ENTRUSTED WITH PREPARING A DRAFT FINAL DOCUMENT ON THE QUESTION OF EXPANDING CULTURAL COOPERATION AND CONTACTS AMONG ORGANIZATIONS AND PEOPLE AND THE DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION. IT WILL CONSIDER WAYS AND MEANS OF DEVELOPING COOPERATION IN THESE FIELDS. SUCH COOPERATION SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED WITH RESPECT FOR THE SOVEREIGNTY, LAWS, AND CUSTOMS OF EACH COUNTRY AND FACILITATE THE STRENGTHENING OF PEACE AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AMONG PEOPLES IN EUROPE. IT SHOULD NOT BE UTILIZED FOR PROPAGANDA OR WAR, ENMITY AND HATRED AMONG PEOPLES, RACIAL AND NATIONAL SUPERIORITY.

IN ITS WORK, THE COMMITTEE WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE RECOMMENDATIONS ALREADY APPROVED BY THE EUROPEAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF UNESCO (JUNE 1972, HELSINKI) AND, IN PARTICULAR, THE EXPANDED CONCEPT OF THE TERM
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